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Development of International Buddhist Circuit
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received by the Government from various States including Gujarat under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for development of International Buddhist Circuit covering the various places in those States;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the proposals;
(c) whether any such project is being considered as a special project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme and that its planning and implementation is being supplemented by accessing funds from various international Multilateral Agencies; and
(d) whether the Government has identified an international funding agency for financing the project and if so, the details of those agencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): Buddhist Circuit has been identified as one of the thirteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

The State-wise details of projects sanctioned under the above Circuit since the launch of the scheme in 2014-15 are as under:
<pre> (Rs. in crore)
Sl. No. State Name of the Project/Year of sanction Amt. Sanctioned
1. Bihar Construction of Cultural Centre adjacent to Maya Sarovar on the western side at Bodhgaya in Bihar (2014-15). 33.17
2. Madhya Pradesh Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh (2016-17). 74.94
3. Uttar Pradesh Development of Buddhist Circuit − Sravasti, Kushinagar & Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh (2016-17). 99.97

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The State Government of Gujarat has submitted a project 'Development of International Buddhist Circuit (Dev ni Mori and 12 other places) in Gujarat' under Buddhist Circuit Theme. The projects are sanctioned under the scheme subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme is a 100% centrally funded Scheme (Central Sector Scheme) of Ministry of Tourism.

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